

REMARKS

No new matter has been added. The amendments to the claims address typographical and spelling errors, and improve antecedent basis. The amendments do not affect, or surrender, any scope of any claim as originally filed.

The notice to comply mailed January 29, 2004, has been received and reviewed. Responsive thereto, enclosed is a copy of the Notice to Comply, along with the following items in connection with the above-referenced application: Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 through 1.825, paper copy of sequence listing; CRF copy of sequence listing. It is respectfully submitted that the specification, as originally filed, supports the SEQUENCE LISTING included herein. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment includes no new matter.

The Applicants again request entry of the amendments as set forth herein prior to examination of the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Appendices A and B

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